

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing actual scale information of a digital raster image, comprising:
 - digitizing a paper document using a digitizing device to create a digital raster image;
 - recording scale information associated with the paper document and the digitizing device;
 - embedding associating the digital image and the scale information in a header of the digital raster image;
 - storing the digital raster image and the associated embedded scale information as a single file; and
 - providing a digital image viewer for,
 - rendering the digital raster image,
 - receiving drawing input from a user comprising a line or a shape,
 - calculating a true scale measurement of the drawn line or shape based at least in part on the embedded scale information, and
 - presenting the true scale measurement to the user via the viewer.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the scale information includes an original scale of the paper document, a dots per inch (DPI) of the digitizing device, and an original size of the paper drawing.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the digital raster image is a TIFF image.

5. (Currently Amended) The methods method of claim 4, wherein embedding associating the digital raster image and the scale information in a header of the digital raster image comprises embedding the scale information in a header of the TIFF image.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer-based method for providing true scale information of a digital raster image made from a paper document by a digitizing device, comprising:

receiving a digital raster image, wherein the digital raster image has associated with it scale information of the paper document and the digitizing device embedded in a header of the digital raster image;

rendering the digital raster image;

receiving drawing input from a user comprising a line or shape;

calculating a true scale measurement of the drawn line or shape based at least in part on the scale information; and

presenting the true scale measurement to the user.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the scale information includes an original scale information of the paper drawing, a dots per inch (DPI) of the digitizing device, and an original size of the paper drawing.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the digital raster image is a TIFF image.

9. (Currently Amended) The methods method of claim 8, wherein the scale information is embedded in a header of the TIFF image.

10. (Currently Amended) A system for presenting actual scale information of a digital raster image, comprising:

a digitizing device that digitizes a paper document to create a digital raster image, wherein scale information associated with the paper document and the digitizing device is recorded and associated with embedded in a header of the digital raster image; and

a digital image viewer that receives the digital raster image and:
renders the digital raster image,
receives drawing input from a user comprising a line or shape,
calculates a true scale measurement of the drawn line or shape based at least in part on the scale information, and
presents the true scale measurement to the user.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the scale information includes an original scale information of the paper drawing, a dots per inch (DPI) of the digitizing device, and an original size of the paper drawing.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10, further comprising: wherein the scale information is embedded in a header of the digital image.

at least one memory operable to store the digital raster image and the embedding scale information as a single file.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 10, wherein the digital raster image is a TIFF image.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the scale information is embedded in a header of the TIFF image.

15. (Currently Amended) A digital image viewer for presenting true scale information of a line or a shape drawn on a digital raster image of a paper drawing, wherein the line or shape is defined by pixels having coordinates, comprising:

a measurement calculator that calculates a true scale measurement of the drawn line or shape based at least in part on scale information embedded in a header of the digital raster image and the coordinates of the pixels defining the line or shape; and
presentation means for displaying the true scale measurement.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the scale information comprises an original scale information of the paper drawing, a dots per inch (DPI) of the digitizing device, and an original size of the paper drawing.

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 16, wherein the measurement calculator reads the scale information from [[a]] the header of the digital image.

18. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the digital image is a TIFF image.

19. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the received drawing input is a shape, and wherein calculating a true scale measurement of the drawn shape comprises calculating the area of the drawn shape.

20. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving drawing input comprises receiving drawing input in the rendered digital image.